

## Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., February 21, 1899.

B. W. Spencer,  
President, Peoples Bank & Trust Co.,  
Passaic, New Jersey.

Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of the 18th instant relative to your  
advance of \$500. for minor coin made to the Mint at Philadelphia in  
November, 1897, I beg to say that the banks similarly situated which  
accepted certificates of indebtedness from the Receiver of the Chest-  
nut Street National Bank, have now received 50 percent. of their claims  
and you can have that if you desire to accept a Receiver's certificate  
for your claim. No action has as yet been taken by Congress looking to  
appropriation on this account. It is possible that such an appro-  
priation may be made but it is quite certain that it will not be done  
this Congress.

As I wrote you last year, this Bureau has no fund from which  
these claims can be paid.

Very truly yours,



Director of the Mint.



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n. James F. Stewart,

House of Representatives.

ar Sir:

In response to your inquiry concerning the claim of the Peoples Bank & Trust Company of Passaic, New Jersey, on account of \$500. remitted by draft to the Mint of the U. S. at Philadelphia in December, 1897, for minor coin, I beg to enclose you a copy of a letter today addressed to Mr. B. W. Spencer, President of the said bank.

Yours very truly,



Director of the Mint.

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